

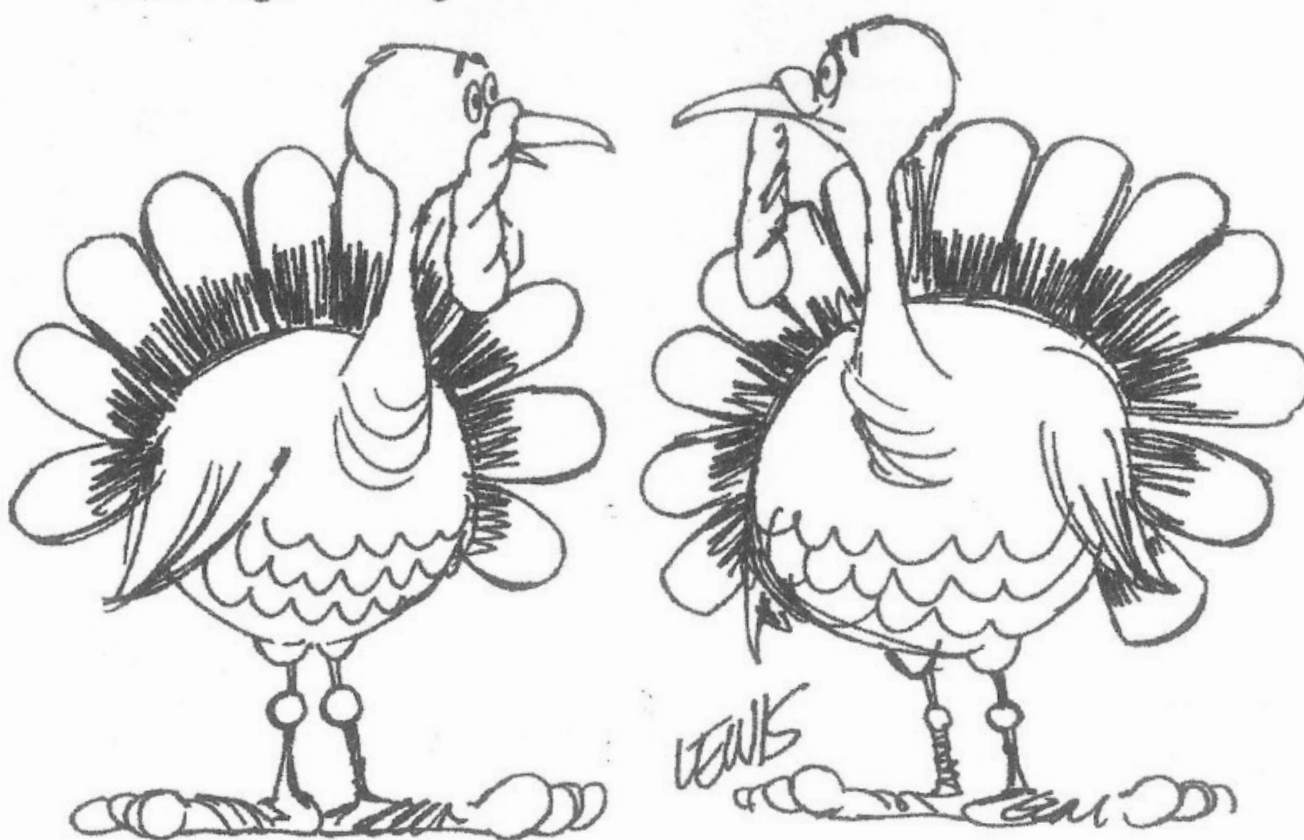


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Could be worse. What if we were Flying Quails and had to spend our lives on top of a hot Model A radiator with bugs hitting us in the face?



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Notes from Nora

A Message from the President

Summer has turned into fall, and the holiday season is coming up fast. Our cars are all tucked away for the winter. We have enjoyed several trunk or treats these past few weeks with the children loving the candy and the parents committing on my decorated truck. A great finish to the driving season.

November's meeting will include the annual election. Cathy and I will remain in our position as secretary and president. The two spaces that are opening for the board have three candidates to choose from. Connie Green and Ken Roy have served their two-year terms. They are both running again along with Bob Davies who has thrown in his hat for a spot on the Board of Directors. You may bring your ballots to the meeting in November or send them to Cathy Thompson before our next meeting.

Our November meeting will be held at the Bridgeport Community Church at 7:00 p.m. on November 19th. Ken Roy will greet you at the door when you arrive.

Everyone who will be attending the Christmas Party on December 13th at the Horizons Center in Saginaw must reserve their meal by giving Bonnie Prado a check for \$25.00 per person made out to Script "A" Club. This check will be returned to you when you arrive for the party. Everyone is invited, even your friends and family. Our club pays for the meal for members who have participated in at

least three of our events throughout this year.

There are several circumstances where this rule may not apply to certain members, so please do not hesitate to ask any board member if you are concerned about qualifying. Those who do not qualify for the club to pay for their meal need only pay \$25.00 per person. The Christmas Party committee has decided to have a Dirty Santa gift exchange. Please bring a wrapped gift, valued at \$10.00-ish and mark the gift "FOR A MAN" or "FOR A WOMAN" depending on which type of gift YOU would like to receive. (The Script "A" Club operates as a Judgement-Free Club.)

Nora



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NOTE: Some materials printed in this newsletter, including cartoons, diagrams and articles, may be borrowed from other publications. We wish to thank the other clubs for sharing their newsletters with us. We are also happy to share our articles for publication in other club's newsletters. Where known, sources of items used will be included with the item.

Meeting Minutes

by Cathy Thompson



Minutes from the Oct. 15th meeting

The regular meeting of the Script "A" Club was held at the Bridgeport Community Church on October 15th and called to order at 6:30 p.m. Nora led

us in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no guests nor new members in attendance—but there was Turkey Bingo!

The minutes from the previous meeting was approved as printed in the newsletter.

The treasurer gave the September balances and was approved as presented.

Sunshine report as given by Cheryi Roy stated glad to have Leroy Truman in attendance after having some health issues this past month.

CLUB ACTIVITIES —

- Model A Days at Gilmore Museum went well with the opening of the new "A" area with a working garage area, too.
- Golden Memories at Sloan Museum in Flint - "It rained." But it was a great time despite the rain!
- Old Car Festival at Greenfield Village - Curt Hillman took 1st place in class with his Woody! Congrats!!

NATIONAL NEWS —

- MARC NEWS - New website coming. Look for more info to come on a May 11th-14th tour.
- MAFFI NEWS - Opening of new area at Gilmore Museum.
- MAFCA NEWS - 2027 National Tour in Durango, CO (more info to come).

UPCOMING EVENTS —

- Oct, 18th Trick or Trunk at Davison Library & Historical Society from 12pm – 3pm (be there early!)
- Oct 30th GISD Marion Krause Instructional Center on Luce Rd in Flushing is having a trunk or treat for approx. 90 special

needs students from 10am - 12pm.

- **Nov. 19th - Board Election** - Please mail your ballot to Cathy Thompson if you can't make the meeting in November. Please remember that 8 members fill approximately 28 positions, so we could always use more help! THAT'S YOU!!!
Board Nominations were made for Nora Petriches (President), Cathy Thompson (Secretary), Connie Green, Ken Roy and Bob Davies. [See ballot on page 22.]
- **Dec. 1st - Membership Dues are DUE!** Please get your membership form and check to Connie Green by the due date - NOT at the Christmas Party.
REMINDER - You will need to pay your National Membership Dues to MARC/MAFCA directly this year. Script "A" will not be collecting dues on your behalf.
- **Dec. 13th Annual Christmas Lunch at Horizons Center in Saginaw.** You must be an active member to get your meal paid for. Please give \$25/person to Bonnie to hold your spot! [See pages 13 & 14.]
- **Jan. 25th 43rd Annual Swap Meet at McDonald Cadillac/GMC on State St. in Saginaw.** [See flyer on page 35.]

CORRESPONDENCE — None

NEW BUSINESS —

- June 3, 2026 - Davison Parade of Flags is looking for Model As to start parade.
- June 13, 2026 - Davison Car Show.

Rita Gould gave an "Above and Beyond" Award to Bonnie Prado for putting together such a fun Turkey Bingo night... planning, shopping, preparing... for how many years now? Thank you, Bonnie!

Ken Roy will be our November door greeter.

John Dros won the Membership Attendance Drawing for \$30 and Ann Gilkes was the 50/50 winner for a whopping \$82!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. Then it was time for *TURKEY BINGO!!*

Cathy

Cathy Thompson

... and have you noticed the smaller print in your newspaper, especially the comic section.



November



7th Rusty & Rita Gould

December



1st Larry & PJ Wallace
12th Bob & Margaret Ortman
21st Mike & Barb Lloyd

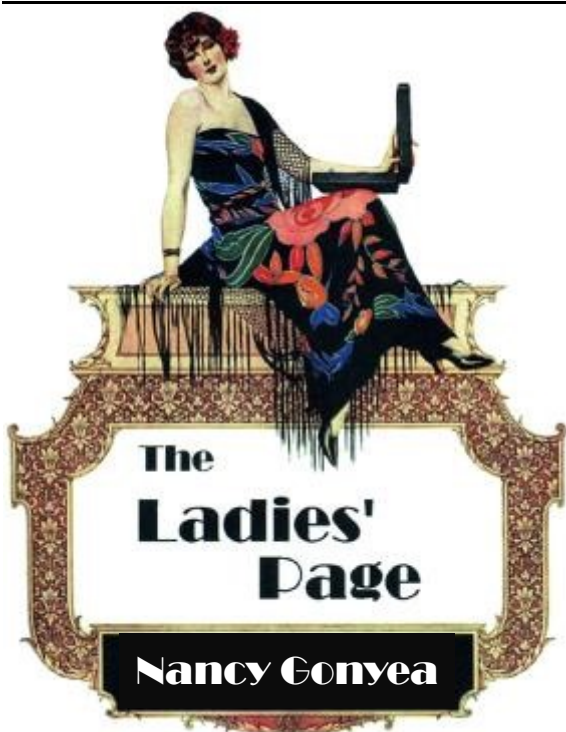
NOVEMBER

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5 Julie Kendall
5 Donna Sunday
6 Edsel Ford 1893
9 Jim Drysdale
9 Sharon Booth
10 Gary Gavord
11 Jon Aldrich
14 Mel Greenwald
15 Wendy Hillman
16 Shirley Burghardt
16 Gwen Schlorff
21 Cathy Barden
23 Larry Neubecker
23 Fred Tryles
24 Sally Wheaton

December

3 Mark Thompson
4 Carol Graves
5 Beth Delay
8 Ann Gilkes
10 Jesse Kendall
17 Linda Patrick
18 Julie Cooper
25 Jan Metiva
26 Theresa Snyder
29 Bonnie Prado
29 Aaron Burton
29 Mike Sunday
30 Krista Oshust
31 Bob Petriches
31 Larry Wheaton

Behind every great man... is a woman
rolling her eyes.



My wife just found out I replaced our bed with a trampoline. She went through the roof.

What kind of Doctor is Dr. Pepper? A fizzician.

BOUNTY BERRY PIE

4 cups blackberries/ 3 Tbsp. cornstarch
 black raspberries, $\frac{1}{8}$ tsp. nutmeg
 or your favorite $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. vanilla
 berries 1 pkg. prepared pie crust
 2 cups sugar $\frac{2}{3}$ cup flour

Combine berries, sugar, flour, cornstarch, nutmeg and vanilla in a bowl. Mix well and put into the prepared pie crust. Cut second pie crust into strips and form a lattice top on pie. Bake at 375 degrees for 50 minutes or until done.

- Cuesta Crankers A's

The Rude Customer

A man goes into a restaurant and is seated. All the waitresses are gorgeous. A particularly beautiful waitress came to his table. "What would you like, sir?"

He looks at the menu and then looks at her, then answers, "A quickie."

The waitress turns and walks away in disgust. After she regains her composure she returns and asks again, "What would you like, sir?"

Again the man looks at her and answers, "A quickie, please."

This time her anger takes over, she reaches over and slaps him across the face with a resounding "SMACK!" and storms away.

A man sitting at the next table leans over and whispers... "Um, I think it's pronounced 'Quiche.'"

I'm on a light diet. I eat by daylight, I eat by moonlight and I sometimes eat by refrigerator light.

Always be sincere... even if you don't mean it. Just a reminder that if you're buying any workout equipment, hang on until about March and then check the classifieds. You'll see tons of equipment being sold with the true claim "like new" and "rarely used". You can pick up some great bargains.

**NOVEMBER**

19th Elections/Meeting, Bridgeport Community Church, 7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER

13th Christmas Party, Horizons, Saginaw, 11:00 a.m. with lunch at 11:30 a.m.

25th *MERRY CHRISTMAS*

2026**JANUARY**

21th Regular meeting, Bridgeport Community Church, 7:00 p.m.

24th Swap meet set-up

25th **Swap Meet** at McDonald Cadillac/GMC, 5155 State St., Saginaw, 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

FINALLY, THE BLONDE JOKE TO END ALL BLONDE JOKES

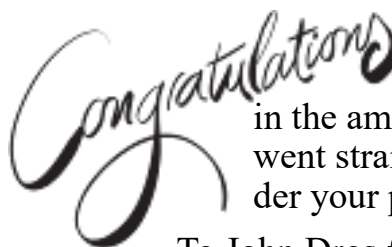
In the swim-meet, after the blond came in last competing in the breast-stroke, she complained to the judges that "all the other girls were using their arms."

Taken from *The Mohair Flyer*

What do you call a sheep that can sing and dance? Lady Baa Baa.

What do you call a cow with two legs? Lean beef.

What do you call a cow with no legs? Ground beef.



To Ann Gilkes for winning the 50/50 drawing in the amount of \$82.00 Hope you went straight home and put it under your pillow!

To John Dros for having your name drawn for the Membership Attendance Drawing. John got \$30.00 thanks to Rusty mentioning about the drawing.

It was my pleasure to award the "Above & Beyond" Pin, to Bonnie Prado. Bonnie is currently the treasurer of Script "A", and has held several other positions for our club in the past. Along with handling all our financial needs, she is also responsible for the club's annual Turkey Bingo. Bonnie searches all year for the perfect items for this event. She shops for food items (such as pies, turkeys, hams,

canned goods, etc.), table coverings, treats for us to enjoy while we're playing bingo (a must), fall decorations, and lots of other give-a-ways. Bonnie organizes everything, then she appoints a team of excellent helpers to assist with this evening event. Along with our seasoned bingo caller, Fred Tryles, the evening was a huge success. And may I add, Bonnie does all this on a shoestring budget.

THANK YOU Bonnie, for everything you do for us.

Rita

THANKSGIVING FUNNIES

It was the first time the blonde was eating Thanksgiving dinner without her family. Trying to re-enact the tradition, she prepared a dinner for herself alone. The next day, her mother called to see how everything went.

"Oh, mother, I made myself a lovely dinner, but I had so much trouble trying to eat the turkey!" said the daughter.

"Did it not taste good?" her mother asked.

"I don't know," the blonde said. "It wouldn't sit still!"

It's the day before Thanksgiving, and the butcher is just locking up when a man begins pounding on the front door.

"Please let me in," says the man desperately. "I forgot to buy a turkey, and my wife will kill me if I don't come home with one."

"Okay," says the butcher. "Let me see what I have left." He goes into the freezer and discovers that there's only one scrawny turkey left. He brings it out to show the man.

"That's one is too skinny. What else you got?" says the man.

The butcher takes the bird back into the freezer and waits a few minutes and brings the same turkey back out to the man.

"Oh, no," says the man, "That one doesn't look any better. You better give me both of them!"

During the middle of the meal, turn to mom and say, "See mom, I told you they wouldn't notice that the turkey was four months past its expiration date. You were worried for nothing."

When everyone goes around to say what they are thankful for, say, "I'm thankful I didn't get caught" and refuse to say anything more.

Load your plate up high, then take it to the kitchen, toss it all in the blender, and take your "shake" back to the table. Announce that it's the new Thanksgiving Weight Loss Shake.

Prepare a several hour long speech to give when asked about your thankfulness. If necessary, insist that no one leave or eat until you have finished the speech.

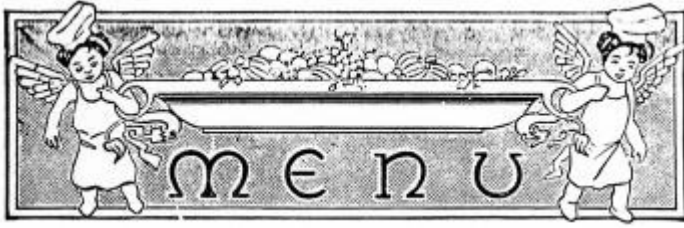
Bring along old recorded football games and pop them in the VCR when dad's not looking. Make sure it is set to the last two minutes of the game when he comes into the room, turn off the VCR, and then turn on the regular TV.

Bring a date that only talks about the tragic and abusive conditions known to exist at turkey farms. Request that she bring photos.

"Wouldn't it be great" if other countries "started electing by the ballot instead of the bullet," asked Will Rogers, "and us electing by the ballot instead of by the bullion?"

An economist is a man that can tell you anything-he'll tell you what can happen under any given conditions, and his guess is liable to be just as good as anybody else's, too.

Will Rogers



During the 1920s, the *Los Angeles Times* published a popular cooking column by chef Mabelle Wyman. In the November 27, 1928 edition, she suggested this menu for a successful Thanksgiving Dinner:

- California Lobster Cocktail
- Salted Almonds
- Ripe Olives
- Stuffed Celery
- Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Roast Turkey
- Chestnut and Oyster Stuffing
- Giblet Gravy
- Cranberry Jelly
- Riced Potatoes, Asparagus Tips
- Cream Sauce
- Painted Stuffed Pears,
- French Dressing
- Pumpkin Pie
- Plum Pudding and Hard Sauce
- Coffee

- from the *Spare Tire*, Palmetto A's

Once upon a time, a man asked a girl to marry him, the girl said "no!" And she lived happily ever after, and went shopping, dancing and drinking. She always had a clean house, never cooked and looked fabulous all the time. The end.



This was Julie being read a bed-time story before meeting Mark!
Things changed!

The inventor of auto correct died. His funnel will held tomato.

ATTORNEY: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for breathing?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: How can you be so sure, Doctor?

WITNESS: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

ATTORNEY: I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?

WITNESS: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law.

Turkey Bingo at the October meeting -

Gobble, gobble... Bonnie & her team of Turkey aficionados put together one HECK of a fun evening! Lots of smiles, prizes & goodies filled the room! To top off a GREAT night, Bonnie was awarded the very prestigious "Above & Beyond" Award... well deserved!!

Bonnie Green



A great time was had by all that participated in the Turkey Bingo after coffee and donuts! To bad it had to end oh so soon.

Remember to vote for two of the three candidates for the board of directors.
See everyone at the November meeting for more coffee and donuts!!

TRUNK OR TREAT AT DAVISON LIBRARY ON OCTOBER 18

Script "A" had 10 cars in attendance for the Davison Trunk or Treat. The event was sponsored by Friends of the Davison Library. The weather was perfect, a beautiful autumn day. Lots of families came for the treats, and to enjoy our cars. I'm not sure who had more fun, the kids, or the Script "A" members, (we always love sharing our cars with others). The dancing, tutu wearing grilla, (alias Ken Roy) sure had a good time. Abraham Green showed up to drive grandma and grandpa's Model A for awhile, then we played a game of PASS THE BABY, with Abe. A fun day was had by all. Thank you all who attended this event.

Maybe we should do it again next year.

Rita Gould



Rita Gould with "Rover"



"Don Dumler"



Nora Petriches with "Trigger"



Barb Brown

Steve Burton



"Big Tex" Rusty & Rita Gould

Larry Neubecker





The Green Family, Chris, Abe & Connie



Sherrie Anderson

Chris & Abe Green with Ken "tutu" Roy



Youngest Script "A" member Abraham Green getting a start driving Grandpa's Model A.





Following a fantastic Turkey Bingo... it's time to start thinking about our annual Christmas Party!

When: Saturday, December 13th

Time: 11:00 a.m. Mix and Mingle, 11:30 lunch

Where: Horizons Conference Center

6200 State St., Saginaw

Cost: Free (paid for by proceeds from our annual swap meet and summer auction)

To reserve your spot; send a check **NO LATER** than **Dec 1st** made out to Script "A" Club for \$25 per person to Bonnie Prado, 1404 Any St., Burton, MI 48509 or save a stamp and give it to her at our Script "A" meeting on November 19th. Once you arrive at the party, your check will be returned to you.

Dress in Era Fashions for fun and prizes!

NEW this year we will be playing a '**Dirty Santa**' game. If you would like to participate, please bring a gift wrapped for a gent or gal... \$10 gift limit. (ex. Connie & Chris will each bring a \$10 gift, one gal and one gent). Please mark gift for man or woman.

When you arrive, you will place your gift on a table and be given a number, Rita will explain more about the game when we are all in attendance!

Hope you can all join us for some holiday fun!

See flyer on next page!!

MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE DRAWING

**CURRENT
JACKPOT**

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DOLLARS

BE AT THE NEXT MEETING, IT COULD BE YOUR NAME DRAWN!!

Script *A* Club's Christmas Party

When: Saturday, December 13th

Where: Horizon Conference Center,
6200 State St., Saginaw 48603

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Lunch at 11:30

Cost: \$25 per person

(money will be refunded if you show up)

RSVP with payment to

Bonnie Prado by Dec 1st

1404 Amy St., Burton, MI 48509

ATTN: Ladies & Gents! You are encouraged to dress in "Era Fashion" if you'd like...completely dress up or add just an Era Hat to complete your look! Will have random drawings if you dress up, the more you dress in Era Fashions the more chances to *WIN!*

Horizon Conference Center
6200 State St.



Wieneke Rd.

M-58 (State St.)

N. Center Rd.

McDonald GMC/Cadillac
5155 State St.

Brockway

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There's another **FORD** in our family!

Cathy and Mark Thompson's daughter, Emma is now officially a "Ford" girl! She married John Ford.





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ELGINS for GIRLS and WOMEN

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Al Capone's 1930 Thanksgiving

Surprising to most people the notorious gangster Al Capone had a “Robin Hood” reputation during the early days of the Great Depression. There were newspaper reports of handouts to windows and orphans and of course with Prohibition, the government banned beer and alcohol. Capone supplied it to thirsty Chicagoans.

Anyone would think taking charity from a gangster would be abhorrent, doesn't understand how many in those days were in dire need of food. When the same government failed to feed them in their desperate days, the crime boss gave them food. As the *“Bismarck Tribune”* noted “a hungry man is just as glad to get soup and coffee from Al Capone as from anyone else.” His soup kitchen was evidence to a segment of Americans who saw Capone as a hero for the common man.

On Thanksgiving in 1930, Al Capone's soup kitchen served 5,000 holiday meals. Reportedly, Capone had planned a traditional Thanksgiving dinner for the jobless until he heard of a local heist of 1,000 turkeys. Although “Scarface” had not been responsible for the theft, he feared he would be blamed for the caper and made a last-minute menu change from turkey and cranberry sauce to beef stew.



Writing in *“Harper's Magazine”* Mary Bordon called Capone “an ambidextrous giant who kills with one hand and feeds with the other.” She noted the irony that a line of jobless waiting for a handout from Chicago's most-wanted man often stretched past the doors of the city's police headquarters, which held the evidence of the violent crimes carried out at Capone's behest.

Every day, the soup kitchen served 350 loaves of bread, 100 dozen rolls, 50 pounds of sugar and 30 pounds of coffee at a cost of \$300. it was a sum that Capone could easily

afford since on the same day that news of his soup kitchen broke, Capone's bookkeeper, Fred Ries testified in court that the profits from Capone's most lucrative gambling houses cleared \$25,000 a month.

- history.com, via Calumet A's

Funny Signs —

At a tire shop in Michigan:

“Invite us to your next blowout.”

Door of a plastic surgeon's office:

“Hello, can we pick your nose?”

At a towing company:

**“We don't charge an arm and a leg.
We want tows.”**

In a Podiatrist's Office:

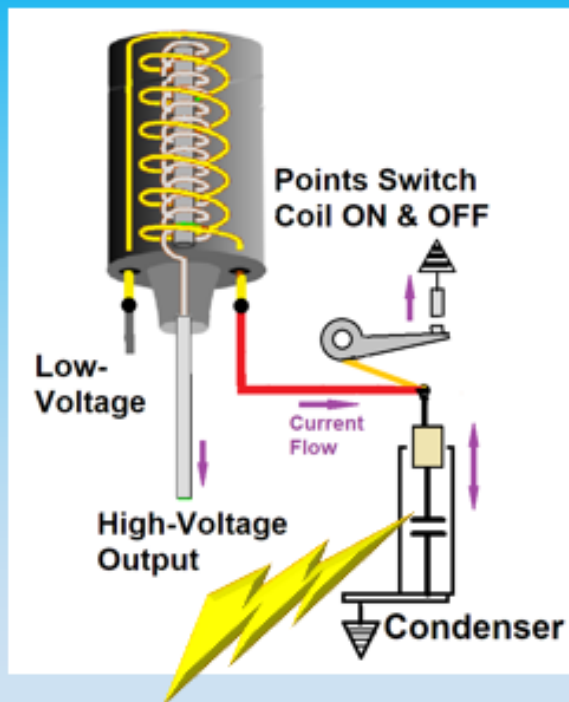
“Time wounds all heels”

TECH TIPS BY BOB BIDONDE

- from Long Island A's

Condenser – What It Does

- Reduces current flow (spark) across points as points open
- **Prolongs life of points**
- As points open, magnetic field collapses thru low-voltage **Yellow Coil** inducing unwanted current spike that would arc across points



HOW MANY CALORIES IN A THANKSGIVING DINNER?

Did we just go there? Really? Okay - Here Goes!

Thanksgiving dinner can easily add up to 3,150 calories, according to the Calorie Control Council. (You just got to love the name of that group!)

Their sample dinner didn't even include the skin on the turkey and only counted one tablespoon of butter and one slice of pie. It also didn't include any alcoholic drinks.

More likely we are all headed for more than 4,000 calories, practically two days worth of calories in one meal.

The Council doesn't recommend avoiding Thanksgiving dinner, but does provide some tips for reducing the calorie count for preparing yourself to face the challenge. Their advice includes exercise, eating something healthy before so you don't go into the meal famished, socializing away from the table of food, and using a smaller plate to encourage portion control.

...Fort Worth A's

Bonnie's Bits of Yesteryear

Bonnie Penfield

Depression Thanksgiving Pies

While Depression-era meals may not have included some of the ritzy and glitzy items that people in better-off economic times enjoyed, that's not to say that they weren't still tasty. In fact, there's one dessert recipe from this time period that actually surprisingly deli-



cious - **Water Pie**. I know, it sounds a little ridiculous, but the pie is made precisely as it sound. It uses water as the prime ingredient.

The era forced home cooks to get creative, using whatever they could to make comforting meals for the family. Commodities like sugar, eggs, and milk were challenging to obtain or too costly. Thus, many families had to make do by getting maximum mile-age from the foods they already had in their pantry, fridge, and freezer. The water pie was a recipe born from this circumstance.

The pie is incredibly simple and involves using a pie dough, sugar, cubes of butter, some flour, vanilla extract,

and water. The pie filling becomes custard-like after baking, similar to the scrumptious fillings of traditional pies!

Another Depression pie can be made with Ritz crackers, becoming a Mock Apple Pie. This pie is made by using crushed-up Ritz crackers with sugar and other ingredients and seasonings as the pie base.

The result is a flaky pie with a delicious filling that oddly resembles the same consistency and flavor as actual apple pie. To this day, the mock apple



pie is still one of Ritz's famous recipes. The pie is a perfect staple for any household. But, even by today's standards, it can be a cheap alternative (even by today's standards) to grace the kitchen table.

- Greater Baltimore A's

**IF A DEAF CHILD SIGNS SWEAR
WORDS, DOES HIS MOTHER
WASH HIS HANDS WITH SOAP?**

Tire Mounting! By Tom Endy

Mounting a new set of tires can sometimes be difficult for Model A owners as it is not normally something you want to have done at the tire store. Modern day tire stores will likely damage the paint and the hubcap on a Model A wheel while using their tire



mounting apparatus. In most cases installing new tires is a do-it-yourself task.

To make the job easier I built a simple mounting board to place the wheel on while pushing the new tire on.

The board is made of 3/4" plywood, 44" long and 21" wide. There is a boarder 1-1/2" wide nailed around the bottom edge. Two plastic "milk carton" containers fit nicely under the board and will easily support my weight along with the wheel and tire. A 9" hole is cut in the center and the surface is covered with carpeting.



The wheel is placed on the board with the hubcap facing down into the 9" hole. To make the tire slide on the rim easy obtain a large can of baby powder. Liberally sprinkle the powder on the inside of the tire and especially around the bead. Coat the inner tube with powder as well. It is easy enough to put the tire on the rim, but the hard part is to get the bead all the way around the rim once the inner tube has been installed. This is done with the heel of my foot. I stand on the tire and work the bead into place with my heel.

To keep from losing my balance and falling off the board, I mounted a handle up under the eaves of the house to grasp onto. The handle makes it easy to maintain balance while walking the tire onto the rim. It is also a handy place to have newly painted parts to dry.



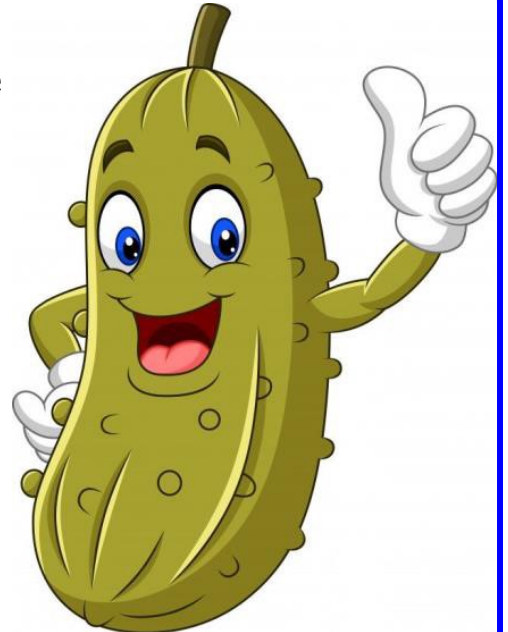
Tips from the Garage

by Steve Ferguson and Bob Grady, Diablo A's

How to "Pickle" your Model A for storage

This is something you want to do if for some reason you plan not to drive your vehicle for a year or more. If you do this and then when you want to drive it again you reverse the procedure, your vehicle will start right up! Thank you, Bob Grady, for this instruction. Bob has proven that this method works!

- ♦ Jack up your vehicle and place it on 4 jack stands
- ♦ Open the distributor and open the points and place a plastic bread clip (or something non conductive of the thickness) between them
- ♦ Disconnect the battery
- ♦ Check the battery and top it off with distilled water if required
- ♦ Connect battery to a battery tender
- ♦ Drain the gas tank dry and leave the gas cap loose
- ♦ Remove the carburetor, drain the standing gas and reinstall
- ♦ Drain water from motor and radiator



Geriatric Truths from Suzanne Curtis —

"Everything seems to slow down with age, except the time it takes cake and ice cream to reach your hips." - Elizabeth Taylor

"When your friends begin to flatter you on how young you look, it's a sure sign you're getting old." - Mark Twain

"You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks." - Dennis Quaid

"There's one advantage to being 102, there's no peer pressure." - Adam & Eve



Nominating Committee



Ballot counters, New board!

A baseball manager who had an ulcer went to see his doctor for a checkup.

“Remember,” the doctor said, “don’t get excited, don’t get mad, and forget about baseball when you’re off the field.”

Then he added, “By the way, how come you let the pitcher bat yesterday with the tying run on second and two men out in the ninth?”

— Bob Davies

If I win the lottery I won’t tell anyone... but there will be signs.



Meeting Night
Nov. 19th

BALLOT - SPECIAL

SCRIPT “A” NEWS

NOVEMBER 2025

2026 Script “A” Region Board of Directors Ballot

☒ - VOTE FOR ONE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY AND TWO DIRECTORS

Member Vote

Spouse Vote

President:

☐ Nora Petriches

President:

☐ Nora Petriches

Secretary:

☐ Cathy Thompson

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Board of Directors: (vote for two)

☐ Connie Green

☐ Ken Roy

☐ Bob Davies

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☐ Bob Davies

Bring to meeting or...

Send to: Cathy Thompson, 5229 W. Dodge Rd., Clio, MI 48420

DUE: Saturday, November 11, 2025

Model A Winterization Checklist

- from Rockford A's

Cooling Area: It is better to top off the radiator with 50/50 mix of anti-freeze than to drain the radiator and engine. A drained block is inviting rust to form internally over the winter. Inspect hoses looking for any leaks. Inspect water pump for leaks and tighten packing nut if needed and grease the front bearing. Inspect fan belt for wear and it can actually be loosened up during storage.

Fuel Area: The general agreement is to store the car with a full gas tank. Again not giving rust any chance to form internally inside the gas tank. It would not hurt to check for any fuel leaks at the shut off and carburetor lines. A top off of real gasoline without alcohol is recommended. You may also wish to add some Marvel Mystery Oil or StaBil in with the gasoline for long term storage. With your engine running at normal operating temperature, turn off the fuel shut off valve and run the engine until it runs out of fuel thus draining the carburetor bowl.

Battery: Top off the battery with distilled water in all cells. Put on battery charger and top the charge off. It is recommended to monitor the battery over the winter months and/or use a battery maintainer or trickle charger to keep any sulfites from forming and shorting out the plates at the bottom of the cells. Most 6volt batteries can offer approximately 10 years of life with proper running charging and maintenance. It is optional to remove the battery from the car and keep on a wooden stand. This may protect the battery holder from corrosion. Also it is recommended to wash the battery case with ammonia or a baking soda solution to neutralize any acids. It is good to put a coating of dielectric grease on the cleaned off battery terminals for protection as well.

Tires: Top off the tires to ~ 35 psi of air pressure. Some people like to jack up their car and put on 4 jack stands to keep the tires off the ground and to prevent flat spots. This is also a good time to look over the tires for general condition and you may desire to put on a tire preservative on the rubber. Lug nuts should be torque to at least 65 foot pounds.

Engine: Two trains of thought on oil changes:

- 1.) Good to do the oil change when you put the car into storage as it will eliminate any acids that formed in the oil over the touring season.
- 2.) Just do an oil change in the spring when you get the car out of its winter hibernation. Same thoughts on fall versus spring are also on lubing the chassis grease zerks and oiling any lube spots. Remove spark plugs and spray in fogging oil into the cylinders. Clean and regap spark plugs and replace.

Distributor: Set the point gap and put a business card in between the points to prevent corrosion and to keep the point surfaces clean. If you are running a fuse please remove the fuse to prevent any possible electrical shorts over their storage that could possibly cause a car fire. Yes it has actually happened to Model A's.

Body of Auto: Wash and dry off carefully. Polish or wax. Cover your auto with sheets or a car cover allowing air to reach the vehicle. If you use a top dressing it would be good to apply it now . . . Clean upholstery and put on rubber and leather conditioner where needed.

Rodent Control: Mice love Model A's They get into the upholstery and make nests. They go into the engine block via the exhaust, open radiator caps, and oil intake tube. Cars have been known to get nuts and acorns loading up the engine blocks, radiator hoses, radiators, muffler and tail pipes. Over the years people have sworn that Irish Spring Soap and Bounce dryer sheet work as a rodent repellent. We have also seen where this doesn't work and the soap is actually a food supply. Old timers used moth balls in their cars as the deterrent. Some people state that aluminum foil under the tires prevent the mice from crossing that surface to climb into the car. There are rat and mouse poisons. Highly recommended by our friend and member, Farmer Mike Peters is: <https://www.farmandfleet.com/product...mini-bars.html>. Also mouse spring traps, and mouse glue traps all work but have to be monitored and emptied. Be careful of your own personal pets around any of these mouse control solutions! Some people put a wad of steel wool into the exhaust pipe to prevent the mouse from entering. Some put an aluminum or plastic baggie with a rubber band around the exhaust pipe, carburetor intake, and oil intake tube to keep both the critters out and any moisture that can enter your engine to create internal engine rust.



It's a Model T, but my Model A can
do it too!

Actually was a photo opt from prints
left on the highway from a show-off,
but I can dream, can't I?



**YOUR CLUB
NEEDS YOU!!**

...so get involved.

Be a part of making

Script *A*

even **GREATER**
than it already is!!

CAR STORIES

The following humorous story written by Jane Bode appeared in the August 1953 Motor Trend Magazine. This is the first of a two part report on her experience being married to a "Car Fiend". Jane is a neighbor of mine living in the Monte Cedro retirement community in Altadena.

J. Wilson

I Married a Car Fiend!

By Jane Bode

Let's face it — I'm married to a car fiend. Not a pro, or anyone who can sink a lot of money into automobiles — just a guy who's crazy over any four-wheeled vehicle that is chopped, channeled, or dechromed.



Consequently, I'm one of those wives that spend half their time picking up stray motor magazines and "saving" them with guarded care. Perhaps I'm the forgotten counterpart but, believe me, this car hobby has made a potent impact on my life, my heartstrings—and my budget.

You'd think I would have taken a clue from our college courtship days when I rode in Tom's vehicles. "Wasn't it fun!" I'd exclaim, to be stranded in an immobile, snowbound, but oh-so-sporty convertible—miles from home without a dime in our pockets. I laughed at stories of the old Model T and the midget they'd raced (once) at Soldiers' Field. But I never actually saw the cumbersome engine in the garage or had to scrub grease out of the towels—and suit coats.

The routes we took on dates always passed the best used car lots. and I'd often stood by patiently while he inspected foreign car salesrooms. But when we started married life in a stock six-cylinder Studebaker, I never dreamed what was ahead!

At first (as now, and I suppose always) there were "those magazines." Thousands, it seemed. While I sacrificially limited myself to one seven-cent chain store woman's magazine monthly, my husband picked up a half-dozen or more twenty-five-cent numbers plus a few more expensive "reference" magazines. Even on our honeymoon I learned that nothing else holds the glamorous attraction of a "Sell 'n' Swap" column. And we practically rerouted our entire trip home to see a Continental advertised in a nearby state.

Now, even I agreed that our stock Stude had no

"umph." But when the car barely made the last steep incline to our new Colorado home, Tom was convinced that this long apologized for temporary mode of transportation had to go.

I heard envious remarks about Colorado cars from Tom. "Clean bunch of automobiles! A guy in Denver sells beauties, Hon." But I had the utmost confidence in my husband. And since by this time we were expecting a baby, I was sure he would find something nice and dependable.

His eyes simply shone when he took me to see the new car. "I've never seen one in this shape before," he boasted. "We can take it back to Chicago and sell it for a couple hundred dollars profit!"

My heart sank at the sight. "A '34 Ford roadster!" he exclaimed. To me it was a car with no windows and barely room for two and us with a family on the way! But Tom was thrilled. So I took the first windy ride and listened to the glorious details.

"Really a buyand I only used \$100 of the furniture money—which I'll pay back. Bought it from a fellow at a golf range. It belonged to his college professor," He caught my scornful glance. "No, really it did, Hon, and —"

I bit my lip and figured this was one of the consequences of being a car fiend's wife. Mentally I chalked off that hoped-for refrigerator and envisioned a bassinet, car seat, and toys crammed hopelessly into that little cockpit— the baby tossed about, eyes blinking in the breeze.

I must admit, roadster driving was exciting. The little Ford turned all heads in our direction—even that of the policeman, who promptly stopped us for having illegally raucous pipes.

However, the car put a definite crimp in my driving hours since the legs of my 5' 1/4" frame never managed to reach the floorboard. In fact, the only times I sat behind the wheel were those crisp Colorado mornings when we habitually pushed the car down the street until it started—me with my foot on the accelerator, Tom racing alongside trying to jump in and control the thing before the motor died.

Of course this car (as all others) was really a "deal"—a car Tom guaranteed would perform without fault. From this description you'd never expect that it went periodically to the garage where we got another "special deal" from some mechanic who "knows Fords better than anyone in town" for "little" things like a valve and ring job and brake relining. By the way, those bills never found their way into my hands, and to this day our budget is carefully recorded, except for the columns marked "automobile, gas,

oil, and repairs."

Regardless of expense and worry, the little car had grown on me. But as the Colorado aspen dropped their golden leaves and snow coated Pikes Peak, my opinion began to change. Tom assured me that side curtains were the answer. Side curtains were a mystery to me, but I discovered they are canvas arrangements which snap on the car (if all the snaps are intact) and re-channel the wind so that it doesn't just envelop you, it blows straight at your face. Combined with a gale from the rumble seat, one achieves perfect cross ventilation.

Well, I managed to retain the appearance of liking the car, and business orders to transfer to Tennessee in November saved Tom from making too many complaints about the cold.

He loaded our family possessions in a four-by-seven-foot trailer hooked behind the roadster and took off for the sunny South. I followed a few weeks later. Evidently his trip was a doozy! The trailer had pushed, prodded, and jolted him (and the roadster) most of the way. The last few hundred miles through the Ozarks had persuaded him that this was not the family car we needed.

- Santa Anita A's

Things my mother taught me --

"If you fall out of that swing and break you neck, you're not going to the store with me."

Ever feel your life is in a rut?



COMMON COURTESIES & RULES WHEN TOURING WITH A GROUP

- * CARS & PASSENGERS SHOULD BE READY TO LEAVE AT THE DESIGNATED TIME (GASSED UP) *
- * FOLLOW THE LEADER AND THE DESIGNATED ROUTE, MAINTAIN THE SPEED OF THE TOUR AS SET BY THE LEADER *
- * KEEP THE CAR BEHIND YOU IN VIEW, ESPECIALLY AT CORNERS OR IN TOWN. DON'T LOSE THEM *
- * THE TAIL CAR (TAIL ENDER) IS APPOINTED TO RUN LAST WITH A CB RADIO. DON'T TRY TO GET BEHIND HIM UNLESS YOU'RE IN A MODERN CAR *
- * COMMUNICATE WITH THE LEADER OR TAIL ENDER VIA CB RADIO OR CELL PHONE IF NECESSARY *
- * KEEP ENOUGH DISTANCE BETWEEN CARS TO ALLOW OTHER TRAFFIC TO PASS SAFELY *
- * NO CAR SHOULD LEAVE THE TOUR (PULL OVER AND STOP) WITHOUT FIRST NOTIFYING THE LEADER AND (OR) TAIL ENDER *
- * YOU SHOULD NOT PASS ANOTHER MODEL A ON TOUR UNLESS THEY HAVE STOPPED BECAUSE OF TROUBLE *
- * WHEN SOMEONE BREAKS DOWN, YOU SHOULD PULL OVER AND STOP ONLY IF IT IS SAFE TO DO SO AND YOU'RE EQUIPPED TO ACTUALLY HELP *
- * INSTRUCT ANY GUESTS YOU MAY BRING ABOUT RESPECTING OTHER CARS, THEY ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY *
- * ABIDE BY ALL TRAFFIC LAWS *
- * ON TOURS, THE MODERN CARS SHALL ALWAYS FOLLOW THE MODEL A's *

- Temecula Valley A's



LADIES' HOME JOURNAL

November, 1929



THE FORDOR SEDAN

The Ford is an unusually strong and sturdy car

THE FORD is an unusually strong and sturdy car because of the enduring quality that has been built into every part. Of special importance to the woman motorist is the extensive use of steel—not only in the chassis but also for the body. Beneath its beautiful finish are a substantial ruggedness and a carefully planned strength of construction that add a great deal to the safety of motoring.

Today, more than forty different kinds of steel are used in the Ford—each

particular kind being selected and perfected to fit the particular needs of each part.

Seven kinds of steel are used in the transmission alone, because research and experience have proved that seven kinds of steel will give much greater efficiency and reliability than one or two.

There is no limit to selection—no thought that any certain steel must be made to do for several parts to save expense. The Ford policy has always been

to use the best possible material for each part and then, through large production, to give it to the public at low cost.

Such high quality of material has a direct bearing on the performance of the Ford car. Throughout it has been designed to give you many thousands of miles of faithful service. In comfort, in safety, in economy, in reliability—in all that goes to make a good automobile—it represents a value far above the price you pay.



Ford Motor Company
Detroit, Michigan

Why the Macy's Balloons Used to Just Fly Away and More Fun Facts About the Big Parade During the Model A Era

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In 1924 a group of animals from New York City's Central Park Zoo marched down a street in Harlem accompanied by a very special group of people: a handful of immigrant Macy's employees, who wanted to express how thankful they were for living in the United States that year. And thus, the Macy's



The Goldfish balloon in the 5th annual Macy's Parade

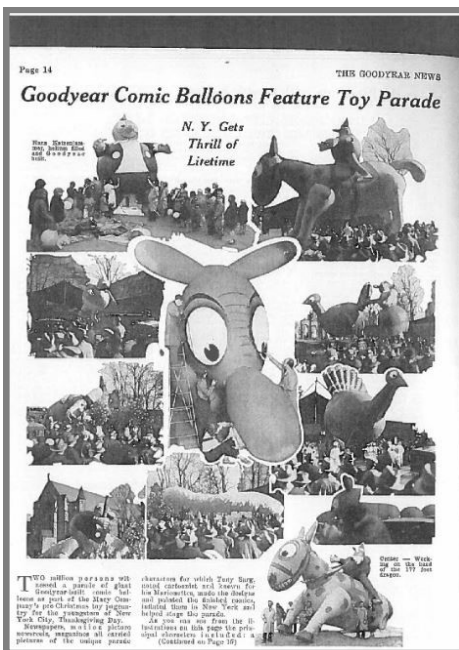
Thanksgiving Day Parade was born.

The balloons were introduced in 1927, replacing live zoo animals. The large animal shaped

balloons were produced by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in Akron, Ohio from the 1920s through 1980. In the beginning there was no procedure to deflate the balloons, and they were simply released. In 1928 five of the giant balloons were designed and filled with helium to rise above 2,000 feet (610 meters) and slowly deflate for whoever was lucky enough to capture the contestants in Macy's "balloon races" and return them for a reward of

\$150, this lasted until 1932.

The balloons in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade have had several varieties. The oldest is the novelty balloon class, consisting of smaller balloons ranging widely in size and handled by between one and thirty people (the smallest balloons are shaped like human heads and fit on the heads of the handlers). The larger and more popular class is the character balloons, primarily consisting of licensed pop-culture characters; each of these (16 in 2019) is handled by exactly 90 people. From 2005 to 2012, a third balloon class, the "Blue Sky Gallery", transformed the works of



1929 Goodyear Balloons



1930 Balloons



1930 Santa



1931 Parade

contemporary artists into full-size balloons; after a five-year hiatus, the Blue Sky Gallery returned in 2018.

The balloons used to be released at the end of the route, but there's a good reason that stopped. In the early years, they would untether them, and they would fly away and invariably end up somewhere on Long Island. If you found one, you could claim a reward. The problem? Aside from the environmental toll, people would rip the balloons apart and bring in small pieces in hopes of earning said reward. The tra-

dition ultimately ended when one loose balloon became entangled in the propeller of a small plane, nearly taking it down.

The pilot said she had something extra-special to be thankful for that Thanksgiving! These days, the balloons are simply deflated, crated and stored in New Jersey once the parade ends.

Parade Facts: The 5th Annual Macy's Christmas Parade

The parade was held on November 29, 1928 in New York City. The fanciful street fair began at 2:30 pm EST and marched for more than six miles from Harlem to Macy's Herald Square. At the Parade's culmination point, the first ever release of five giant helium balloons took place, with each balloon being worth \$150 upon its finding. The 1928 Parade was the first to feature the soon-to-be perennial favorites, the iconic giant character balloons. 1928 was the only year that the Parade was held on November 29th. By 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt had signed a

bill into law officially making Thanksgiving the fourth Thursday of November, meaning it would only happen from there on between November 22nd and 28th.

Balloons in the Parade:

Big Turk* (Macy's) - 1st time
Head* (Macy's) - 1st time
Goldfish* (Macy's) - 1st time
Sky Tiger* (Macy's) - 1st time
Giantess* (Macy's) - 1st time
Early Bird* (Macy's) - 1st time
Humming Bird* (Macy's) - 1st time
Sky Elephant* (Macy's) - 1st time

The 6th Annual Macy's Christmas Parade

The parade was held on November 28, 1929, in New York City. This year is when Santa's Sleigh was introduced. The Lap Dog tore loose from his leash near 90th Street. Turkey Gobbler



1931 Goodyear Balloons



1931 Parade

hit a No Parking sign at 58th Street and 6th Avenue. Due to this, both balloons deflated and were removed from the parade.

Balloons in the Parade:

Horse And Rider* (Macy's) - 1st time
Lap Dog* (Macy's) - 1st time
The Katzenjammer Kids (King Features) - 1st time
Terrible Turk* (Macy's) - 1st time
The Herr-Inspektor* (King Features) - 1st time
Turkey Gobbler* (Macy's) - 1st time
Old Man Dragon* (Macy's) -

1st time

The 7th Annual Macy's 1931 Christmas Parade

The parade was held on November 27, 1930, in New York City.

Balloons in the Parade:

The Katzenjammer Kids* (King Features Syndicate) - 2nd time

Joe Jinks* (The New York World) - 1st time

Boob McNutt* (Macy's) - 1st time

Benny* (Macy's) - 1st time

Barney Google* (King Features Syndicate) - 1st time

The Goops* (Macy's) - 1st time

The 8th Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

The parade was held on November 26, 1931 in New York City. Terrible Turk hit an electric sign at 72nd Street and tore in half. When The Cat balloon was released at the end of the Parade, the balloon hit a telephone wire



1931 Two-Headed Giant

and caught on fire, resulting in the balloon's retirement.

Balloons in the Parade:

Hippopotamus* (Macy's) - 1st time

Tabby the Cat (Macy's) - 1st time

Cat* (Macy's) - 1st time

Kitty* (Macy's) - 1st time

Terrible Turk (Macy's) - 2nd time

Two-Headed Giant* (Macy's) - 1st time

Tiamat the Dragon* (Macy's) - 1st time

Time

- Gulf Coast A's

**Once you understand
why the pizza is made
round, packed in a
square box, and eaten
as a triangle...then you
might understand
women.**

Did you hear about the new book on constipation?

It hasn't come out yet

My new car's got a gadget for everything. It even has a rear wiper.

I can't wait to try it.

Why shouldn't you kiss your spouse when you have a runny nose?

While it may seem funny, it's snot.

At a restaurant a waiter yelled "Does anyone here know CPR?"

I yelled back "I know the whole alphabet!"

The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE *running* BOARD REPORT

From Tom Hovetter, President and Jim Zimmer, Director of Regions

November 2025

Members had a great time at Hershey this year. The chili/hot dog lunch was a great success and raised over \$1,000 that will be donated to MAYRA. This year we opened the tent early on Monday afternoon to allow existing members a chance to renew and new members to join. Look for additional changes for next year!

Also, the MARC National Meet for 2026 is just around the corner in July. Driver Class judging will be offered again this year. If you are proud of your Model A and would like to be recognized for the quality of work you have in your vehicle that has been modified from original to enhance your driving experience, please consider registering for French Lick next year. New improved judging standards will be published soon!

Remember that the 2026 Finger Lakes National Tour will be held in May of next year. This will be a very popular event based on the interest so far. Registrations will be limited due to the hotel and banquet capacity. The team is working hard to make this a memorable event for our members!

Certainly you read in last month's newsletter that Larry Shepard is compiling a list of Model A mechanical experts to assist members and potential new members with mechanical issues or restoration questions. I'm sure that every Region has at least one person that should qualify. If any of your members are willing to help, please contact Larry at marctech@modelarestorers.org and provide your name, contact information and area of expertise. One of the best parts of being a MARC member is being able to tap into the wealth of Model A knowledge this club has to offer.





John Engleman has a 1930 Model A Coupe for sale. It is in Lapeer, nice condition, may need some speedometer work. Asking \$12,000. Contact John at 810-664-4896 or jenglemanb@airadv.net or Jim Booth at boojay@chartermi.net

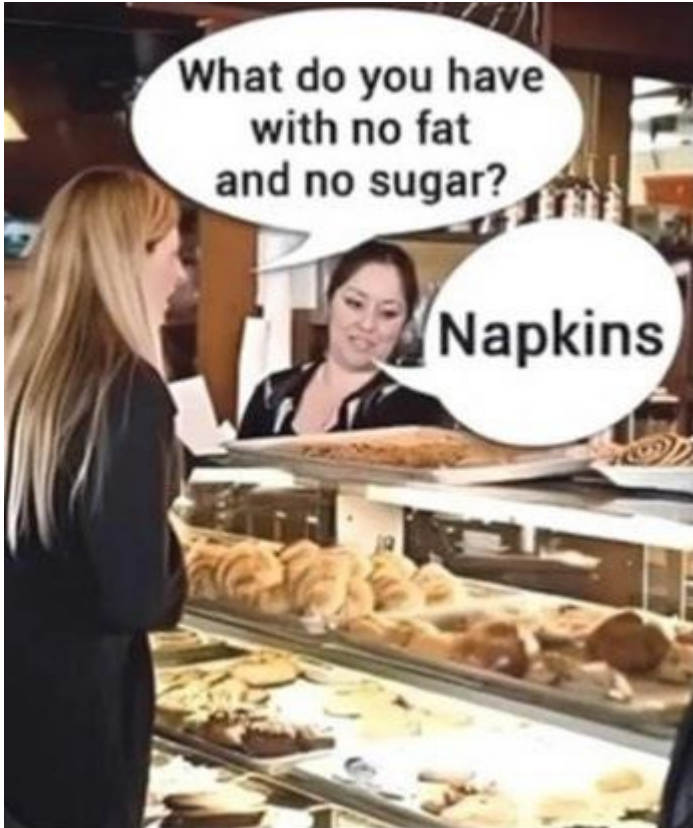
Truck for sale. Needs parts. Serious inquires only.



Why did the farmer separate the turkey & the chicken? He suspected fowl play.

What did the wall say to the other wall? I'll meet you at the corner.

How do trees get on the internet? They just log on.

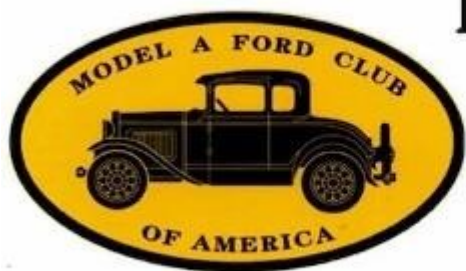


I FINALLY DID IT!

**Bought a new pair of shoes with memory foam insoles...
No more forgetting why I walked into the kitchen!**

- Happy Honkers A's

The morning comes in 3 sizes — 1) Early, 2) Too early, 3) Way too early.



The Flying Quail

October 2025



The Prez Sayz...

With autumn colors in abundance and temps more bearable, this is a great time of year to get our Model A's out on the road and enjoy the beauty that surrounds us. And I hope your local chapters are doing just that. But what of those members of your club who are having difficulty keeping 'ole Betsy running? Whether it's the widow or single lady (or guy) who needs help, or the Newbie who just feels lost when it comes to working on their Model A, there are many of us that need that assistance.

I want to take time to acknowledge a couple of chapters that have come up with a great way to serve their fellow MAFCA members. First, the Diamond Tread chapter of Downey, California where my cousin, Chuck Mayhew, is a member. Several years ago Chuck and a few other club members decided to band together and visit folks in their chapter who needed help in getting their cars running. They would plan a Saturday morning or afternoon and schedule visits to various members to 'checkup' on them. And whatever was needed, whether it was an oil change and lube job, front end alignment or ignition issue, they would get the car on the road again. They call themselves "Henry's Helpers" and endeavor to do just that. Another such group is the San Fernando Valley chapter where Arthur Bender and Wade Ratzlaf and their group of volunteers, calling themselves the 'A Team', assist folks in a similar fashion. I'm sure your local chapter may have 'Helpers' like this so don't hesitate to reach out to them.

I've heard firsthand accounts from MAFCA members who were helped by these groups, to get their Model A's functioning and on the road again. And some have volunteered to do the same and join in the fun. Kind of a 'Pay It Forward' attitude. Of course there is an ulterior motive at work here, any guess what that might be? And no it isn't that "Misery loves company"! Tours are so much more fun when everyone's cars are in working order. Fewer breakdowns mean more miles traveled and sights seen. And of course more time to sit and enjoy that meal that we never seem to miss...

In closing, I just returned from the Model A Days at the Gilmore Car Museum near Kalamazoo Michigan where the Model A Ford community helped celebrate the Grand Opening of the new Expansion of the Model A Ford museum. What a wonderful testament to the hard work of Model A enthusiasts all over the world. And kudos to the Model A Ford Foundation and their efforts in putting together a museum worthy of Henry's Lady! The vignettes and displays showcasing our beloved automobile are well presented and they also have a spectacular 'Learning Area' where seminars can be given. This museum truly is wonderful and a great place to share our hobby with family and friends. I've said it before; everyone should schedule time for a vacation to Michigan and visit this grand museum of Automobilia. And finally, mark your calendars for a big party in September of 2028 where the Model A Ford Club of America will join the Model A Restorers Club and Model A Ford Foundation in celebrating the 100 year anniversary of the Model A Ford.

Keep the shiny side up and the rubber side down and don't forget to honk that horn!

Ed Tolman

Doug Linden MAFCA Chapter Coordinator —

I recently returned from the MAFFI ribbon cutting ceremony for the Museum's new addition. I, and entire MAFCA board members, had a great time visiting with Model A'ers from around the world who were attending the grand opening and the MAFFI Model A Days events. The Gilmore Museum grounds were full of Model A's and it was a sight to behold.

MAFCA's information tent was busy welcoming members and nonmembers alike sharing Model A stories and just making new acquaintances. MAFCA continues to grow as we added a new chapter to our ranks: please welcome the "Speakeasy Model A Club of Savannah, GA." As I mentioned in my last report it only takes five like-minded Model A'ers to form a new chapter. Information on starting a new chapter can be found on the MAFCA website.

Chapters will soon be receiving their Renewal Form. Please fill out the form with your updated chapter directors information. This is important for our records so we can contact you if we have any questions.

And finally, many thanks to all the chapters that have submitted newsletters, now it is time to give these a final review for upcoming newsletter awards that will be announced in the Jan-Feb issue of The Restorer. Until next time, Keep those wheels rolling.

- The *Flying Quail*, October 2025

MAFFI Newsletter Minute

October 2025

Model A Days was a great experience for all who attended! There were a total of 1100 people who attended and were able to see the ribbon cutting of the new expansion to the museum, including the Garage Learning Center. 210 model A's took over the Gilmore in support of the event as well as a registered 80 swap vendors at the swap meet making this the largest swap meet to date!

The ribbon cutting ceremony was led by John Begg, with former MAFFI President Stan Johnson, and Brad Minners (on behalf of former MAFFI President Howard Minners) cutting the ribbon.

While we may be finished with the expansion, there are plenty of ways to still be involved with the museum for continued projects such as the "My A Program" as well as the memorial bricks as well.

If you did not get a chance to get up to the museum or to see the expansion yet, you can still check out the expansion on maffi.org under the "Cameras" section of the website.

It was really cool to see our hobby come together to celebrate our beloved cars! I know the Gilmore is equally proud to be partnered with us.

Happy motoring!
John Grossheim
MAFFI Trustee/ Secretary



43rd ANNUAL SWAP MEET

McDONALD GMC/CADILLAC
5155 STATE ST. – SAGINAW, MI

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026

**CAR PARTS FOR ALL MAKES & MODELS,
ANTIQUES & FLEA MARKET**

**VENDORS ARE REQUIRED TO STAY
UNTIL 1:00 P.M.**

**NEW HOURS - DOORS OPEN
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**VENDOR DRAWING AT 1:00 P.M.
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DONATION \$5.00

NO SMOKING INSIDE THE BUILDING

**INFORMATION:
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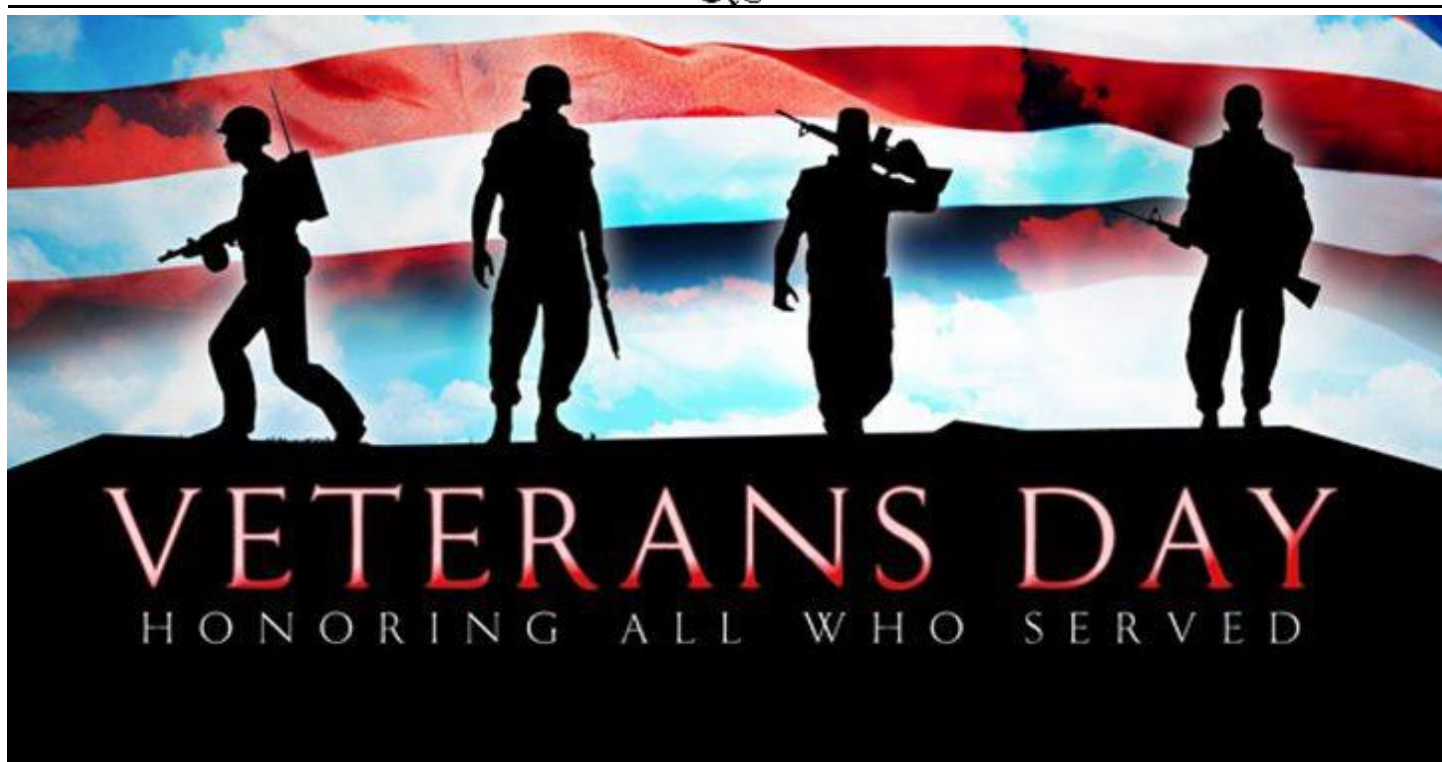
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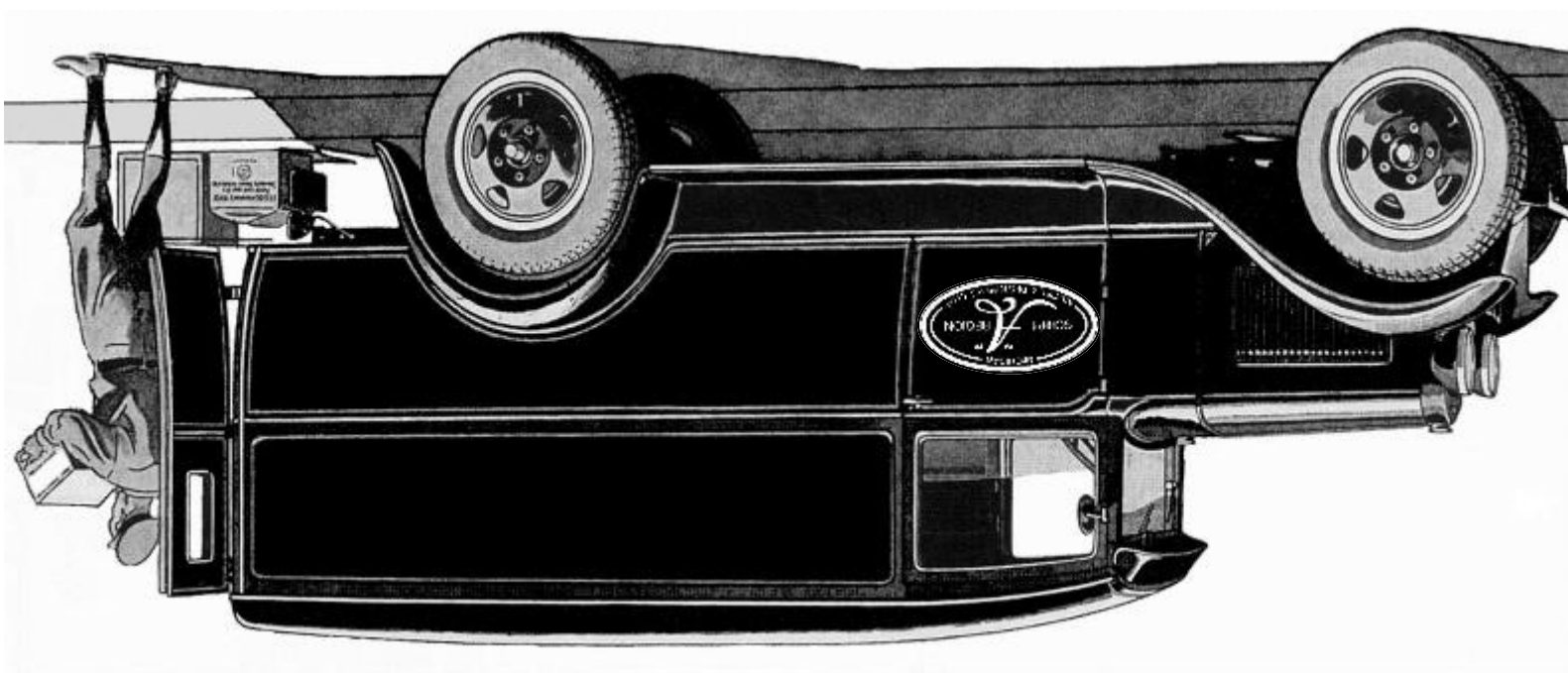
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